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[Robert]

[Paris, France], 1918-1928

June 30, 1919.

R. Jameson Reid,
Paris, France.

Dear Sir:-

Having begun a study of the coinage of Metapontum, I am respectfully writing to ask whether it would be convenient for you to send me casts of the pieces of this city in your collection. I am presuming to request this favor because you seem to be almost the only one of the private collectors of prominence who have paid sufficient attention to this series.

Mr. Edward T. Newell the President of our Society has a very considerable collection of these pieces and they have been placed at my disposal for study. You of course know the limitations of studying with a photographic reproductions against which I have been able to make with casts prompt me to place before you my request.

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary.

September 3, 1919.

To Jameson, Esq.,
88 Av. Velasquez,
Paris, France.

Dear Sir:-

Permit me to acknowledge with warm thanks the receipt of your letter of July 31st and of the casts of the Metapontum coins added to your collection since the publication of your catalogue. These are of great importance and will help my very much.

May I presume upon your kind offer to send me further casts of the coins in your catalogue? I am enclosing a list of fifteen (15) which would be of great value to me. If you could send me these you would increase the obligation under which I have been already pressed through your kindness.

Very respectfully yours,

October 28th, 1919.

R. Jameson, Esq.,
6 Av. Velasquez,
Paris, France.

Dear Sir:-

Answer to your letter of the 27th has been delayed because I wished to wait until the casts arrived. They came today, and I am very grateful to you for your great kindness in sending them.

Your note about No. 330 interests me very much for as you doubtless know the inscription has been read variously, one authority making from it KIM N. The fact that it is plated is a disturbing element but both dies seem to be as you say "not Greek".

May I ask if No. 298 is the piece which is mentioned in Head's Historia Numorum as having been published in Spink's Circular, 1900, page 3787. I know of but one other specimen of this coin which is in a private collection here in America.

No. 280 is also very interesting in that the reverse seems to have had a retrograde META on the left which was erased and partly covered by the ONT. The style of this piece makes it seem to me earlier than the date which is assigned it in your catalogue.

No. 278 is the only specimen I have seen having PO showing beneath the neck. If you know of another specimen showing additional letters I should appreciate it if you would communicate that fact to me.

May I say that if it is possible for me at any time to be of service in securing casts of any series in which you may be interested it will make me very happy to do so.

Permit me again to express my warm appreciation of your courtesy in sending me these casts.

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary.

August 23rd, 1930.

Robert Jameson, Esq.,
8 Avenue Valesquez,
Paris, France.

Dear Sir:-

At the request of Mr. Edward T. Newell, President of our Society, I am transmitting to you, under separate cover, a copy of his brochure on the "Selucid Mint of Antioch". I trust this will reach you promptly, and with assurances of cordial esteem, I beg to subscribe myself

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary.

February 3rd, 1921

Robert Jameson, Esq.
86 Avenue Velasquez
Paris, France

Dear Sir:

When you so kindly sent me the Metapontum casts of the pieces in your Collection for which I asked you last year, you said that I might call upon you further should occasion arise, and I now wish to take advantage of your permission.

At your convenience, will you kindly have prepared for me casts of the following numbered pieces from your catalogue -

234	276	277
284	285	292
306	320	322

The Heraclea stater is, I believe, from the same die as the one described by Dr. Imhoof-Blumer - Berliner Blätter, 1869-70 Plate LIII, No. 2 - a signed piece of Aris-toxenes. From the reproduction, I judge that the obverse signature may be indecipherable but I think the cast will show traces.

I avail myself of this opportunity to inform you that there has recently been sent you a copy of a brief essay written by me which I trust may prove of interest to you.

Thanking you for past courtesies, I beg to subscribe myself

Very respectfully yours,

Paris February 22^d 1921

Dear Sir,

I have forwarded to you
the nine casts you asked
for -

I examined carefully again
the didrachm of Heraclea.
There is nothing on the obverse.
As to the reverse, I do not
think possible to read
APIΣΤΟΞΕ. The sixth letter,
though not quite clear, shows
a consequently S. - The seventh

letter, very indistinct, might
as well be an E as an N or V.
Thereon in my Catalogue I
gave the signature as APIETRN,
which seems to me the most
probable reading, unless a better
specimen can give a certain
orthography.

Always at your disposal,
I remain, dear Sir,

Yours most sincerely

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March 10th, 1921

R. Jameson, Esq.
8 Avenue Velasquez
Paris, France

Dear Sir:

Your note of February 22nd has been received, as well as the one written a few days later in which you spoke very kindly of my booklet on Coin Hoards.

At the request of Mr. Newell, I am sending you the second of these publications, the Octobols of Histiaeia, under separate cover.

With respect to the stater of Heraclea, I am sending you the cast of another piece from Mr. Newell's collection. You will remember that Forrer reproduces Imhoff-Blumer's line cut of the Berlin piece, and a comparison of the reproduction in your catalogue of Mr. Newell's piece seems to show the same die. Although a poor specimen, some of the letters on Mr. Newell's piece can be deciphered. If you find that your piece is not of the same die as his, I would appreciate a word from you to that effect.

I am hoping to complete plans for being in Engbåm and Paris during the coming summer. If I succeed, I trust to have the pleasure of thanking you in person for the courtesies you have shown me.

Very respectfully yours,

SPN/B

Secretary

July 7th, 1922

M. Robert Jameson
6 Avenue Velasquez
Paris, France

Dear M. Jameson:

Our Society is preparing a bibliography of Greek coin finds; and in collecting data, we found somewhere a statement by Lenormant that he had prepared a record of a large number - some seventy or more, if my memory serves me aright. I cannot find that he ever published this material; nor could M. Babelon give me any aid when I wrote to him. He informed me that a son survived, and that this material might be among the papers left by the father, but he was unable to supply me with the son's address or suggest any way in which I could get in touch with him. In consequence, I am appealing to you to ask if you know anything of M. Lenormant, Jr. If not, do you suppose M. Feuerweber might know of his whereabouts? Or could you suggest anyone else to whom I might appeal?

Very truly yours,

Secretary

SAC/E

Saum 22 July 1922

Dear Sir,

On receipt of your letter
of 7th inst. I endeavoured
to ascertain whether any
member of the Lenormant
family is yet alive. Up to
now I have not been able
to get any definite information.
In fact, most of the parishes
are now away from town
& it is rather difficult to
get on to the right person.

Anyhow I hope to be
able to learn something
& will of course let you
know immediately, if
such is the case. -

Yours most sincerely

R. Emerson

August 14th, 1923

M. Robert Jameson
6 Avenue Velasquez
Paris, France

Dear M. Jameson:

A bibliography of Greek Coin Firms is being prepared in which I am endeavoring to give references of all public and accurate of Greek houses, and such additional information regarding houses which have not been published as yet.

I have noted the references in your Catalogue to pieces from a number of these firms - the Melos, Corinthian, Paros, Mykonos, etc. I am wondering if your records would permit you to tell me of any other cities from which you are certain your coins have come.

I am sure you will appreciate the value of such a bibliography, and I trust that my request will not lay too great a burden on your courtesy.

Very truly yours,

Editor & Secretary

SPN/E

June 10th, 1924

M. Robert Jameson
6 Avenue Velasquez
Paris, France

Dear M. Jameson:

On a previous occasion, I think I wrote to you regarding a bibliography of Coin hoards which I am preparing, and which is now nearing completion.

May I ask if you are in a position to give further information than that already embodied in your Catalogue regarding the pieces Nos. 932 and 943, concerning which it is stated they were found in the Louvre? Do you know if there were any other pieces found with these two, and whether or not they were part of a hoard? Both are of such importance that any information you can give me, will aid greatly.

On page 230 of your Catalogue, with respect to a coin of Samma, there is a statement that it comes from a lot of five or six similar examples which were found in the neighbourhood of Karache. This appears to be a hoard. Do your records give any information regarding other coins which may have been found with it?

With regard to another hoard from which you have obtained pieces of this same region - that of the octadrachms of Macedonia found at Istip, to which M. Svorones refers in his L'Hellénisme Primitif de la Macédoine, I saw one of these pieces in the possession of Elmes last summer. May I ask if you did not obtain your pieces from him, and whether you have more than the three mentioned by M. Svorones on page 9 and 25?

If you have any further information regarding the contents of the hoard, I should greatly appreciate your placing it at my disposal.

Very truly yours,

P.S. I have received the data concerning a number of hoards from which you have acquired choice pieces, such as that of Taranto (1887 and 1910), Kaliandra (Merde), Meles, Villabate, Monte Arano. If you have obtained information since the publication of your catalogue regarding any of your pieces which came from hoards, I should be very glad to have it, but this would be especially true of additions which have been made since your catalogue was printed. Secretary

August 18th, 1924

M. Robert Jameson
Avenue Velasquez
Paris, France

Dear M. Jameson:

I believe I acknowledged the sheet of corrections from the Supplement to your Catalogue which you so kindly sent me some time ago. May I trouble you now about another matter - two, in fact:

You will recall that you very kindly gave Mr. Seligman permission to make for me casts of the Hittite statera which you have. Unfortunately, however, he did not make a record of their weight. With the aid of the illustrations in the Revue Numismatique, I believe you can easily check your types; and for those not illustrated, a very simple inscription would enable me to place the piece.

Secondly: In looking at M. Sartor's Catalogue for the Maddalena Collection, I notice in describing No. 212, he states that the Reverse of this stater of Metasoria bears in tiny letters beneath the leaf, AYKON. None of the casts from this die in my possession show this inscription. The piece in your Cabinet, No. 288, appears from the reproduction to have traces of what M. Sartor has taken to be this name. Would you be so kind as to examine the piece and assure me whether there is evidence for this reading? The piece in the Maddalena Collection was sold in the Collignon Sale a year or so ago, but I do not know who purchased it.

Very respectfully yours,

Editor & Secretary

August 29th, 1924

M. Robert Jameson
8 Avenue Velasquez
Paris, France

Dear M. Jameson:

Thank you very much indeed for your communication
of August 19th.

I had no difficulty in identifying the Mende tetra-
drachms; and it is a great help to have their weights.
You will be interested to know that I have something like
ninety combinations of dies; and a record of, approximate-
ly, 350 coins which form part of the hoard.

Thanking you again for your courtesy, I am,

Very truly yours,

Editor & Secretary

July 8, 1925

M. Robert Jameson
8 Avenue Velasquez
Paris
France

Dear M. Jameson:

Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of my recently completed Bibliography of Greek Coin Works. More than most others you will appreciate the amount of work that has gone into bringing together the facts printed therein.

Because of your many courtesies to me I especially desire that you should have a copy and I trust that you will find it of some use to you.

With cordial greetings, I am

Very sincerely yours

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Secretary

July 14th, 1926

M. Robert Jameson
8 Avenue Velasquez
Paris, France

Dear M. Jameson:

Owing to some unexplainable oversight, I find that I did not send you a copy of my recent monograph on the coins of Nanda. Will you accept a copy which is being sent to you today, under separate cover, with my compliments.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

May 23, 1927

Robert Jameson, Esq.,
8 Avenue Velasquez,
Paris, France.

Dear Mr. Jameson;

In one of the monographs which is being prepared by a member of this Society, reference is made to the two gold pieces in your collection, published in the supplement to your catalogue, Nos 1941 and 2022 as well as the silver pieces, Nos. 2023, 2134 and 2025. Would you be so kind as to have casts of these prepared and sent to me.

May I also ask if you have any information regarding the Anthedon piece? Your catalogue notes that it came from the Avola hoard. There were two of these hoards in the Bay of Sicily, one found in 1888, and the other, also known as the Minnelli hoard found in 1914. This latter hoard was acquired by Hirsh. If your piece was acquired through Hirsh, it is more likely to have come from the second than from the first hoard, although Mr. Nezell informs me that Hirsh told him the second hoard contained nothing except Syracusean 50 and 100 litra pieces and darics.

I trust my request will not cause you any inconvenience. If you should know of any other of these two gold pieces, that may have been found within the past few years, I will greatly appreciate any information you may be able to give me.

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary,

SPN:MB

June 16, 1927

Robert Jameson, Esq.,
8 Avenue Velasque,
Paris, France

Dear Mr. Jameson:

Thank you very much, indeed, for your note of June 1st and for the two documents which you have this morning. Thank you too for the kind trouble you took with all of them. Many of the political issues have great interest and first importance.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

SPN:ME

August 12, 1927

Robert Jameson, Esq.,
8 Avenue Velasque,
Paris, France

Dear Mr. Jameson:-

We are planning a careful study of the decadrachms of Syracuse of the Euainetos type. May we presume upon your kindness to ask that you have casts of those in your collection prepared? The necessity for troubling you with this request, as you will realize, arises because of the extreme difficulty of comparing and separating the dies. It is our present plan to publish most, if not all, of these pieces which we can locate. I hope this request will not involve too heavy a burden on your generosity.

With assurance of my personal regard,
I beg to subscribe myself

Very cordially yours,

Secretary

SPN:MB

October 18, 1927

Robert Jameson, Esq.,
8 Avenue Velasque,
Paris, France

Dear Sir:

Thank you very much for your letter of October 3rd. The package of casts has been duly received and I beg you to accept our thanks for your kindness in having them prepared. I note what you say regarding descriptions and the list of errata in your catalogue and this I will pass on to Mr. Gallatin, who is planning to do the work in connection with these decadadrachms.

I trust that your holidays proved very pleasant and with cordial regards, beg to subscribe myself

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary

SPN:MB

20th March, 1928

M. Robert Jameson,
8, Avenue Velasquez,
Paris, France

Dear M. Jameson:

Will you be so good as to send me a sealing-wax impression of your coin N^o. 1060, Maroneia, which we desire to reproduce in an article which is being written by one of our members. If you have acquired any other Maronite pieces since your supplement was printed, I should be grateful if you would add impressions of them also.

Appreciating your previous kindnesses, I beg to subscribe myself

Sincerely yours,

Secretary

April 13, 1928.

R. Jameson, Esq;
8 Avenue Valesquez,
Paris, France.

Dear Mr. Jameson:

Thanks very much for the cast of the
coin of Mardonius which you so courteously sent me.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.